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Commissioner Jane Henney
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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Henney,

I am very concerned about GE foods. I don't think these foods have been adequately tested and am horrified that foods containing them are not labeled as such. I don't think anybody knows what the long-term effect of consuming these foods can be. Therefore, I want all GE foods tested and labeled, and a moratorium imposed on all such new foods UNTIL THEY ARE PROVEN SAFE.

I think that the availability of safe, unaltered food is a God given right. I deplore being coaxed by biotech corporations into eating foods that many others and I feel are not safe to ingest. And I feel it is a VIOLATION OF FREE SPEECH not to clearly label any foods containing GE ingredients. It is amazing to me that we live in a nation that strives to be # 1 in everything and yet the untested entry of GE foods in our marketplace has the potential to jeopardize our health and our position of sane leadership faster than anything else I can think of.

My diet is vegetarian and organic. GE agriculture puts organic foods at risk as organic crops and fields are being contaminated with "genetic drift." This is extremely alarming. I live in New Mexico where an ill considered decision to go ahead with a controlled burn devastated the town of Los Alamos. I feel the sluggishness of the FDA to move decisively to defend safe, pure food by thorough testing, mandated labeling and consideration of the long-term consequences of genetic manipulation is as heinous as the ignorance and negligence involved in the burn that scorched and destroyed 47,000 acres of beautiful forest and 400 some homes.

Destruction takes place quickly. Recovery and reconstruction take many, many times longer. GE foods are a threat to our environment and our health. We can't afford to continue the assault that greedy corporations are making on our environment and our lives. Please:

- ♥ Legislate clear labeling on all GE foods.
- ♥ Establish thorough, mandatory pre-market testing on all GE foods.
- ♥ Place a moratorium on all new GE foods since there are no requirements for long-term studies on their impact on human health or the environment.

Thank you,

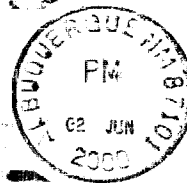
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